REMARKS

Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 14, 19 to 23 and 28 to 44 are pending. No claims are allowed.

The applicant would like to thank examiners Jay R. Sigler and Jerry Cumberledge for the time they took on Friday, October 24, 2008 to interview with their attorney and Patrick White, who is a representative of the assignee, regarding the merits of the pending claims. The substance of the meeting is essentially as set forth in the Interview Summary.

Respectfully submitted,

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